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**CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY**

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

**OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR**

The Honorable Robert S. McNamara  
The Secretary of Defense  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Bob:

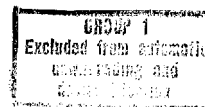
The Central Intelligence Agency now conducts a polygraph interview with all personnel, civilian and military, who enter on duty with the Agency as permanent employees or for a specific tour of duty.

There are significant numbers of people from the Department of Defense, however, who work full time with Agency people on Agency premises, but who do not process through our entrance on duty procedures. Responsibility for the total security processing of these people remains with the parent service, and does not normally include a polygraph interview.

In view of the extremely sensitive nature of many of our joint activities, particularly those at the National Photographic Interpretation Center, I believe our mutual interests would be better served if polygraph interviews were made a part of the normal selection process. I recommend, therefore, that the Armed Services, including the Defense Intelligence Agency, conduct a polygraph interview as a routine part of the process of selecting military and civilian personnel for assignment to these joint activities. The interviews can be conducted by the Services themselves or we can make our facilities available for the purpose.

Sincerely,

John A. McCone  
Director



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